The Broadcasting Scheme.

144. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) at what stage the Broadcasting Scheme is at present ;

(b) the date when Government expect to release programmes ; and

(c) whether any preliminary work for the Programme Department has been begun ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer to Government*) : (a) All the equipments for the Transmittings ordered from Messrs. Standard Telephone Co., Calcutta have arrived excepting one Induction Regulator, one Air Blower and seven valves with some minor accessories. The firm have been asked to intimate the date by which their Erector could be expected for taking up the erection of the equipments and their reply is awaited.

(b) In the present conditions it is not possible to say when the scheme can be worked and programmes released.

(c) No.

Higher Grade Training School for Women at Trivandrum.

145. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether benches are provided to seat girl students in all classes in the Higher Grade Training School for Women at Trivandrum (the Cotton Hill High School) ;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the classes that have no benches ,

(c) the reasons for the same : and

(d) whether in the case of grant-in-aid schools, providing sufficient seating accommodation is a condition precedent to grant being given ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (a) No.

(b) Primary Classes.

(c) Mats are used to sit on.

(d) Yes.

Circular re: exempting teachers from undergoing training.

146. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any circular at any time, exempting teachers, above the age of 35 and with 15 years' service, from undergoing training ;

(b) if so, the date of that circular ;

(c) the number of persons that had applied for exemption under this circular ;

(d) whether all the teachers who had the necessary qualifications and who had applied, were exempted ;

(e) if not, why not : and

(f) whether that circular has been subsequently changed and if so why ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (a) No.

(b) to (f) In view of the answer to part (a) above, these do not arise.

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